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**BIRTHS.**  
On the 30th June, at Shanghai, the wife of ADAMBERT S. ELLIOT, of a daughter.  
On the 1st July, at No. 5, Peltahoi Lane Shanghai, the wife of C. J. WHITE, of a daughter.  
**DEATHS.**  
On the 1st July, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of cholera, FRANK JOHNSON, aged 23 years, of the Shanghai Municipal Police Force.  
On the 1st July, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, LINT, daughter of CARL and SARAH HARTBECK, aged 8 years and 9 months.  
On the 1st July, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of consumption, EDWARD VICTOR STONE, manager of the Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited.  
On the 3rd July, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, of cancer, G. H. BRACE, Pilot, aged 40 years, formerly of Foochow.

## The Daily Press

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HONGKONG, 9th July, 1902.

An Imperial Decree, published at Peking on the 2nd instant, has reached us by way of Shanghai, announcing that H.E. TAO MU Viceroy of the Two Kwang provinces, has been allowed to resign his post. The Decree acknowledges the receipt of a memorial from TAO MU, stating that in spite of the additional sick leave granted by the Throne his malady still continues unabated, in consequence of which he again prays to be allowed to resign his post in order that there may be no hindrance offered in the management of the duties of such a high office. The news of H.E. TAO MU's resignation will be received with the greatest regret in Hongkong, for since his arrival in Canton early in 1901 he has commended himself to Europeans by his honest attempts to administer his charge. When he was transferred from the Shen-Kan provinces to Canton, it was felt that he had a very hard task before him in succeeding the late LI HUNG-CHANG, whose stern, strong will had kept troubles away from the provinces which he governed. However, although he was a Manchurian, and therefore not likely to recommend him to the Cantonese, on his arrival at Canton early

in 1901 TAO MU soon showed that he was the right kind of official to fill so important a post. He started at once to cut down unnecessary expenses and to exercise supervision over his subordinates. He was an improvement on the late LI HUNG-CHANG by the honesty of his conduct, if not so successful in checking the base of the Kwang provinces, the ever-flourishing piracy. He has worked harmoniously with the foreign representatives at Canton and with the authorities here, the complicity of the Chinese Government in the Gage Street murder being, as far as we know, the only unpleasant incident during TAO MU's viceroyalty. That his ill-health and age (he is about sixty-seven) have compelled his retirement is much to be regretted. Some anxiety will be felt as to his successor at Canton, a post which requires one of the ablest men at China's disposal. To govern the Cantonese alone requires great talent; in addition, to live on terms with the foreign element at Shanghai and preserve harmonious relations with Hongkong calls for a very strong and prudent Viceroy. The Shanghai native official rumours designate as TAO MU's probable successor WEE KUANG-TAO, Viceroy of the Yun-Kwei provinces (Yunnan and Kweichow), whither he was promoted from the post of Acting Viceroy of the Min-Che provinces. Little is known of WEE except that he is a conservative, a qualification which does not recommend him in foreign eyes as ruler of the Two Kwang. An enlightened official at Canton is an absolute necessity for the welfare of China. Our senior evening contemporary has a telegram stating that TAO MU (for this is the usual spelling of the name), who held the deputy viceroyalty between the terms of office of LI HUNG-CHANG and TAO MU, has been appointed to the full post now. Such an appointment would appear better than that of a known conservative like WEE KUANG-TAO.

The English mail of the 7th ult. was delivered in London on the 5th inst.  
Two fresh Chinese cases of plague were reported up to noon yesterday, one in Bonham Road, while the other was found dead in Algar Street.

Shang Kung-pao has gone to Wuchang to consult Viceroy Chang Chih-tang on certain matters connected with the Peking, Hankow and Canton-Hankow railways.

It appears that Mr. Hippeley and Mr. F. E. Taylor did not accompany Sir James Mackay and the other British Commissioners on the trip from Shanghai to Nanking last week, as was expected.

The new Portuguese club at 31, Sassoon Road, Shanghai, was formally opened on the 28th ult. by H.E. Senhor Conselheiro Castello Branco. On the 30th a grand ball was given in honour of the distinguished guest, about 180 people being present. The club is called the Club de Recreio.

We have received from the P. and O. S. N. Co. an illustrated booklet dealing with the development of the modern cargo-boat and the ownership of the Company and describing the class of steamers to which the *Scythia*, *Sardis*, *Syria*, *Samsol* and *Sardinia* belong. The illustrations are interesting to read, and the illustrations are excellent.

On Monday night the Kowloon Bowling Green Club final for the silver mounted bowl presented by Mr. T. H. Reid was played off, the contestants being Messrs. J. Henderson and T. Petrie. In the result, the former won by 21 shots to 13. As each of the finalists gets a pair of silver-mounted bowls, the credit of winning is the victor's only additional reward.

The Russian battleship *Sevastopol* arrived at Kobe on the 26th ult. from Nagasaki. She carried Prince Giora Vladimirov. The Russian exchanged salutes with the Japanese *Mikasa*, British *Talbot*, and Austrian *Maria Theresia*. Lieut. Colonel Aoki, of the General Army Staff Department, and Viscount Fukase, of the Imperial Household, together with the Second Secretary of the Russian Legation at Tokyo, and Mr. Wassiloff, the Russian Vice-Consul at Kobe, visited the Prince on-board the *Sevastopol*.

It is reported from Peking, the *N. C. Daily News* says, that cholera has entered the "Forbidden City," in consequence of which quite a number of eunuchs and female attendants in the palace have recently succumbed to the dread disease. The members of the Imperial College of Physicians have, therefore, found their hands quite full lately, not only in prescribing for sufferers in the palace, but also in preparing daily draughts of preventive medicines for their Majesties the Emperor, Empress, and Empress Dowager.

According to a Northern vernacular paper, certain English capitalists are reported to be trying to obtain from the Central Government permission to construct a branch railway between Peking and Pootung, the provincial capital of Chihli, much to the satisfaction of Chinese merchants trading between the two points, who heard of the affair, and a large number of officials whose duties make them travel frequently between Peking, Tientsin, and Pootung. There is, however, a fear that obstruction may be placed in the way of the scheme, owing to the reported jealousy of the foreigners who have the construction of the Lu-Han Railway in hand.

The Hon. M. Herbert, the new British ambassador to Washington, will take up his duties in August.

Señor B. J. de Cogan, formerly Spanish Minister at Peking, has been appointed to represent Spain at Tientsin.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherese Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—A Patient's Thanksgiving, \$5.

It is reported from Peking to the effect that the Emperor has commanded that the Double Dragon of the First Grade, First Division—a decoration bestowed upon Royalty alone—shall be bestowed upon Prince Cyril Vladimirovitch, who recently visited Peking.

The *N. C. Daily News* hears on good authority that Baronovski's Circus has been purchased by a well-known firm of Chinese. It is their intention to erect a permanent structure for the purpose of holding regular performances throughout the year in Shanghai.

The Paris *Temps* states that M. Delcassé obtained the telegraphed acceptance of the Governorship of Indo-China from M. Beau, who was away on a holiday. If he benefits by his change he will start for Indo-China by an early mail. He will go to Paris to receive the instructions of his Government.

Lieut. General Nelson Miles, commanding the United States army, passed through Kansas City on the 5th ult. on his way from Fort Riley to Washington, called there by President Roosevelt, and threatened with an immediate court-martial on a charge of having betrayed official secrets.

Signor Prinetti's recent duel is explained by the following telegram from Rome last month:—As a sequel to a heated discussion in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies on the subject of the Erythraean (Italian East African) budget, Senator Franchetti, a member of the Chamber, has challenged the Foreign Minister, Signor Prinetti, to fight a duel.

What the weather was like in June over the scene of the late South African War may be gathered from the following telegrams:—Capetown, June 14.—Unprecedented snow-storms have swept over the midlands. The trains are blocked by a six-foot drift at Newburg. The telegraph wires are down. Pretoria, June 14.—Intense cold, accompanied by heavy snow, prevails here. The Cape mail was blocked in the snow at Springfield for 24 hours. It was necessary to employ three engines to extricate the train from the drift.

While the Canadian liner *Campania*, which arrived at New York from Liverpool on the 14th ult., was on the ocean, a passenger on her played part of a game of chess with a passenger on the American liner *Philadelpia* by wireless telegraphy. The latter vessel was homeward bound when first signalled and was 70 miles ahead. The game began at 2 p.m. in the saloons of the vessel, having been proposed by the *Campania*, and lasted until nearly 7 p.m. It was broken off because the *Campania* was obliged to communicate with her sister ship, the *Lucania*, bound east. Perhaps the day may arrive when wireless telegraphy will be utilised by the chess-players of Hongkong.

Baron Shibusawa, the Japanese millionaire and financier, on his arrival at New York, expressed his surprise at the great advancement of the United States, as he had seen on his travels from San Francisco to New York. He had been especially interested in Chicago and Pittsburgh and the locomotive works in Philadelphia. He could read the progress of the United States as due to the great material force of the people. "The advancement of Japan," he added, "is due to the American people. Japan has taken the United States for her model." At the invitation of President Roosevelt the baron and his party visit the White House, then returning to New York and sailing for England on the *Oceanic*.

Before leaving New York on his way to England the Canadian Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, told an interviewer:—"I hope you have an opportunity, while in England, to revise some plans for the encouragement of emigration to Canada. Canadian immigration has increased materially within the last three years, but it is far below what it should be when one considers the comparative greatness of the country and the unequalled advantages which it offers, particularly to the agriculturally inclined. Emigration from the United States, I am glad to note, is increasing every year. Fully 50,000 have gone from this country across the border during the last three years, and we will be glad to have all the fifty thousands more she can send."

Two candidates for international honours at the coming Henley regatta met in the corresponding event in the annual regatta of the Harlem Regatta Association recently, and the result was disastrous to the aspirations of C. S. Titus, of the Union Boat Club, New York. He was defeated by Louis Scholes, of the Don Rowing Club, of Toronto, by two lengths, in one of the best races ever seen on the Harlem. So decisive was the defeat that it would seem that the plan of sending the Union Boat Club sculler abroad had received a fatal blow, but the officials of the Club on the referee's boat stated that the defeat of their candidate would make no difference. Louis Scholes, whose prospects of winning at Henley are materially increased by his victory over Titus, obtained his rowing experience on the smooth waters of the Bay of Toronto. He came into prominence last year by the easy manner in which he won the intermediate single scull championship at the National regatta in Philadelphia.

Rumour in Bangkok has it that the police are searching the city with a warrant for the arrest of Mmo Humbert, heroína of the celebrated Crawford-Humbert "inheritance" case.

The British Minister at Bangkok, Mr. Reginald Tower, who has been suffering from typhoid fever, is making satisfactory progress, and by this time should have started for Europe, via Singapore, on leave.

At the Anglican Synod, Toronto, on the 12th ult., a resolution was passed demanding the elimination from the history used in the High Schools of Ontario of the Romanist contention that the Church of England dates from the time of Henry VIII.

The appointment of the Hon. Michael Herbert to succeed Lord Parnacote has everything to recommend it, says the *Outlook*. Mr. Herbert is a member of a courtly and polished family; he has a previous experience of official life at Washington, having been Secretary of Legation in 1892-93. He is credited with a profound knowledge of American institutions and ways, and, not least, he is married to an American lady.

Lord Salisbury the other day offended many citizens of the British Empire by alluding to it as the "English" Empire. His speech in the Lords last month in moving a vote of thanks to the Army and Navy contained more matter of offence. Lord Salisbury spoke of the "Crown of England," of "Englishmen beyond the seas," and (saddest perhaps of all) of "the Government of England." Patriotic Scots and Irishmen must take consolation from the fact that if the uncle sinned in the House of Lords the nephew in the Commons maintained a correct attitude throughout. Mr. Balfour acknowledged with due emphasis that our "Crown, our Empire, and our troops, were British."

The anticipations in the following telegram, dated Rome, 16th June, have apparently not been verified:—The complete success of the negotiations between Judge Taft, Governor of the Philippines, and the Vatican on the subject of the Friar lands in these islands, appears to be secured, four out of the five cardinals composing the sub-committee of the cardinals favouring the governor's proposals. Cardinal Steinhilber, a Jesuit, opposes them. After the completion of the negotiations an acute conflict is expected between the Vatican officials and the Philippine religious order in regard to the disposition of the money, which the United States will pay for the lands. The Vatican considers the money ought to be given to the propaganda or society of cardinals having the care or oversight of foreign missions.

An Imperial Decree of the 3rd inst. says:—We have received a memorial from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating that foreigners from the West are divided into two religious, namely, Roman Catholics and Protestants. The said Ministry speaks in the highest terms of recommendation of Dr. Timothy Richard who is at present the head of the Protestant Conference. We know Dr. Richard to be a man of great learning, high attainments, and strict sense of justice, qualities we deeply admire and commend. We therefore hereby command the said Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take the scheme of the said Ministry has lately drawn up, with the object of making Christians and non-converts to live harmoniously with each other throughout the Empire, to Dr. Richard, and consult with him on the matter, with the sincere hope that, with the valuable assistance of that gentleman, the objects in view may be arrived at and the masses be able to live at peace with their neighbours the Christians.

The U.S. gunboat *Manila* arrived at San Francisco from Manila on the 12th ult. in distress. She was picked up off Point Bonita and towed into port by the United States tug *Slocum*. The *Manila* had on board a crew of 97 men, 10 officers and 81 marines. On June 1st the *Manila* high-pressure piston broke. On June 4th a storm came up and blew the sails to pieces. The vessel lay in the trough of the sea beyond control from 6 a.m. until 2.45 p.m. The engine was finally started and leadway was made by the ship. Then the steering gear got out of order, and the vessel turned with a heavy sea. When the gear was repaired and the ship brought to a position of comparative safety, she was 1,100 miles from port, outside the track of vessels. The course was set for San Francisco, and the vessel run with the low-pressure engine. Good weather was met with until June 10th, when a stiff gale came up. The vessel was forced to lie to 24 hours. All sails that could be repaired were set. On the 12th the United States weather observer at Point Reyes saw the *Manila* and the *Slocum* was sent to her assistance.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O.E.S. steamer *Tyden* left Singapore on the 7th inst., and is expected here on the 12th inst.

The steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 7th inst.

The "Barber" Line steamer *Maritima*, from Japan, China and Hongkong, arrived at New York on the 4th inst.

The N.P. steamer *Clawing* left Port Arthur for Hongkong via Moji on the 7th inst.

## TELEGRAMS.

## "DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

## FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

LONDON, 8th July, 11.10 a.m.

## LORD CRANBORNE'S BLUNDER.

The *Daily News* describes Mr. Balfour's statement in the House of Commons on Monday as an elaborate apology for Lord Cranborne's terrible *gaucherie*. The London journal believes that Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, was greatly concerned, if not incensed, at Lord Cranborne's words.

Lord Spencer intends putting a question to Lord Lansdowne in the matter.

## REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 6th July.

## CRICKET—THIRD TEST MATCH.

The third Test match concluded at Sheffield yesterday resulted in a win for the Australians by 143 runs.

## THE KING'S PROGRESS.

Yesterday morning's bulletin says that His Majesty passed an excellent night, that he is cheerful and feels much stronger. The doctors consider that His Majesty is now out of danger. The evening bulletins are discontinued.

LONDON, 6th July.

## CORONATION DINNERS TO THE POOR.

Five hundred thousand poor people have been entertained at dinner in London. H. M. the King in a letter to the Lord Mayor expressed his fervent wish that the poor might pass a happy day. The Prince and Princess of Wales, Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Duke and Duchess of Fife, Princess Beatrice, and other royalties visited the various centres.

## CAPE COLONY'S GOVERNMENT.

The Imperial Government has refused to accede to the petition to suspend the Constitution in Cape Colony.

## LABUAN AND THE B. N. B. Co.

Mr. Chamberlain has declined to entertain the petition of Labuan praying for a removal of the island from under the administration of the British North Borneo Company.

LONDON, 6th July.

## CAPE COLONY.

There is disappointment in Cape Colony, in consequence of the refusal of the Imperial Government to suspend the Constitution, and the suspensionists propose to continue the movement in Parliament.

## THE KING'S PROGRESS.

Today's bulletin states that His Majesty's progress continues in every respect satisfactory.

## INTERNATIONAL POLO.

Ranelagh has beaten the Spanish Polo team by 3 goals to 2 in the final of the International Polo tournament.

## THE VOLUNTEER CORONATION CONTINGENT.

Writing under date 2nd June, on board the *Empress of Japan*, our correspondent with the Hongkong Coronation contingent of Volunteers says:—

"We left Yokohama at 12.30 p.m. on Friday, 23rd May. The first two days out were a bit rough, which rather upset some of the contingent. We had a church parade on Sunday, 25th May. The service was taken by Bishop Awdry, of Tokyo, who preached a very good sermon. Though a fairly old-looking man he is a keen sport, joining us at cricket, polo and wheelbarrow races. I wish we had him on the Island of Fragrant Streams! We have had several days of rain-drizzle and fog—raw weather, with the temperature down to 41°. Warm clothes had to be served out."

"The King's Birthday, 26th May, was duly observed, the whole contingent parading at 11 a.m. We have on board Major-General Fukushima, of Tientsin and Peking fame. He is on his way to London for the Coronation. He is a typical Jap, with rather a good face, and very courteous. When approached, he said he would be very pleased to inspect the contingent. This he did in uniform and decked out with medals, orders, etc. He was received with the general salute—'Present arms'—How-att-down the line, and after this was over the Royal salute was given, helmets being doffed and three cheers given for His Majesty. After parade the captain, officers and passengers adjourned to the saloon, where the King's health was drunk in champagne, Commander W. C. Pakenham, R.N., stood 'fix.' 'God save the King' was also sung. Major-General Fukushima visited the men's quarters at their leisure time. Three cheers were given by the men, and the General said he was very pleased indeed and felt highly honoured. About twelve kodaks, etc., were much in evidence during the parade and after. A group was formed by Capt. Pybus, Bishop Awdry, Maj-General Fukushima, Major Chapman, Capt. James, and Lieut. Armstrong, and they had to stand and be potted at. They were kept standing some time, so that all of the many photographers should get a shot."

morning and all afternoon. In the evening a concert was given on deck by the Volunteers, when the following contributed:—Major Chapman, Sergt. Wolf, Copt. Hance, Privs. Heckford, Hainsworth, Gunr. Lykum, Logan, Lamont, Claridge, Wiltchell, and Spr. Edward. Gunr. Jordan accompanied.

"A great deal of fun has been obtained by shaking rings round passengers who visited the Volunteer poop-deck. There is an unwritten law that if a person visits the forecastle or poop and one of the crew draws a ring round him on the deck with chalk, the person has to 'stump up.' The Volunteers have secured several free drinks in this manner. Sir Thomas Jackson and Mr. J. J. Ball-Irving were amongst those who visited the poop-deck to see the Volunteers at their games, etc., and they were both chalked. The former sent over four boxes of 'No. 1' cigars and the latter drinks for all the men. On Saturday, 31st May, the sports were continued. The Volunteers had an obstacle race, and biscuit, glass of water, and wheelbarrow races. A top-of-war was won by Sergt. Andrew's team of eight men. Four teams entered. Yesterday (Sunday) we paraded for church at 11 a.m.; the service was taken by Bishop Awdry."

"On the whole the men have been very well. There are two or three half-witted fellows who do not seem to care for the soldier's lot. There was a complaint about the food, but this was at once fixed up by the chief steward, Mr. Vick, when the matter was put before him. Taking it all round, the men are having a very good time. They have also behaved themselves well, and have tried to be good soldiers. Drill every day has done much to smarten them up. They are very fit now both in drill and health and spirits."

Writing from Vancouver on Wednesday, 4th June, our correspondent says:—

"We arrived at Victoria at 9 a.m. yesterday, but stayed only a short time; no one went on shore, there being nothing much to see. Lt.-Col. Holmes, the District Officer Commanding, came on board, also two R.A. officers. Col. Holmes came down here with us and made an informal inspection of the contingent. While at the wharf at Victoria, some excitement was caused by the *Shimoda Maru* running into us when trying to berth at the wharf next to us. She stove in, but not badly, two of our boats, bent a strong davit, smashed a spar (about 8 in.) and did some damage to the cargo port aft. The *Maru* had all her forecastle railings smashed and anchor damaged, and sustained a dent in her side. We left Victoria at 11.30 a.m. and arrived here about 4 p.m., a pretty good run. There was a fairly large crowd on the wharf to meet us, but the local Volunteer band did not turn up, as, owing to our quick run, we were about an hour ahead of our time."

"It was rather a pity, as it would have livened things up a bit. The band was varied for 6 p.m. and by that time we were all ashore. Our contingent created a great sensation here, as a soldier is very rarely seen. The Indians and Chinese draw quite a little crowd after them. The Volunteer officers came on board to meet our officers. The regiment here is the 6th Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles). Lt.-Col. Worsnop is in command. We are to embark at 8 p.m. to-day and leave at 1 p.m. to-morrow. There is to be an inspection by the General to-night."

"The contingent is all well, and the Volunteers are behaving themselves with one or two exceptions, who overplayed their leave, etc. The culprits were hauled over the coals."

"A Montreal despatch of the 11th ult. says:—'The members of the Hongkong contingent, who arrived here this morning, spent the day sight-seeing. To-morrow they are to be inspected by Lieutenant-Colonel Boyd, D.O.C., after which they will witness the Eastern Regatta, baseball game. They sail on Saturday by the *Manitoba*. They are a fine body of men, and have made a splendid impression.' By the *Manitoba*, which conveyed our representatives to England, there also sailed the Canadian team for Slacks."

## THE WHITE MAN IN CHINA.

In the industrial development of China (his the next decade many opportunities for speculation. If not speculation, are likely to be offered, and the treaty ports will be thronged by a crowd of characters that are not likely to do China any good, to increase the Chinaman's respect for his foreigner, or to reflect credit upon the countries whence they come. Such people belong to that doubtful class of foreigners that even now are to often found laughing on the skirts of rich Chinamen. Extra-territoriality is the stock-in-trade of this individual; he investigates the treaties and finds he may do this and that; he may open mines, he may go up country, potter about and terrorise the small officials. The Government is bound to give him a passport, and with that and his Consul's protection he is afraid of no man. If he is punished for a drunken brawl, he will complain to his Consul; his word is always accepted, for he is a noble, white man! If the opening up of China is to be heralded by such characters, it is not only a misfortune for the Chinese, but also is certain to be a source of endless trouble for the honest and decent foreigner who may come later. It is but natural for the Chinese to judge foreigners by their representatives. *Canfield's Magazine*.

A Indian gentleman, writing in two *Pioneers*, bewails the extraordinary inequality of the rat who "even in death is a formidable enemy of man," as everyone who has read about the plague knows. To illustrate the animal's cleverness he says:—"On one occasion a rat was caught alive on a ship, and was overboard. A seagull was floating by the side of the ship. Immediately there ensued a battle royal, and the rat, struggling the strength to death, then sat upon the carcass of the seagull, unfurled its left wing to catch the wind, and, working the right wing as an oar, set sail for the shore!"







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## NOTICE.

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## DENTAL NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day resumed Practice.

CHADWICK T. KEW,  
39, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, 9th July, 1902. [1890]

## TO LET.

A LARGE GODOWN, No. 102A, PHATA EAST.  
Apply to—  
I. P. MADAR,  
New Victoria Hotel.  
Hongkong, 9th July, 1902. [1891]

## GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all whom it may concern that the S.S. "PAKSHAN," now lying up in this Harbour, is causing an obstruction, and that if not removed by the Owner within two months, it will be removed by me at the expense of the Owner.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY, Ret. Com. R.N.,  
Harbour Master, &c.  
Harbour Department,  
Hongkong, 9th July, 1902. [1895]

## NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, the Solicitors for the China Steamship Company of Canton and Hongkong, Limited, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of the Steamship "BAKAN MARU" having changed ownership, we have, on behalf of the present owners thereof, viz., the said China Steamship Company of Canton and Hongkong, Limited, applied to the Board of Trade, England, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "BAKAN MARU" of Hongkong-Official Number 100865, of Gross Tonnage 470 tons, Register Tonnage 286 tons, owned prior to the 3rd day of December, 1901, by Taniguchi Kato and Company of Moji, Japan—for permission to change the name of the said Steamship "BAKAN MARU" to "OHU KONG," and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hongkong, as owned by the said China Steamship Company of Canton and Hongkong, Limited, and such permission has been duly granted by the Board of Trade, England.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.  
Dated at Hongkong this 9th day of July, 1902.

EWENS & HARTSON,  
36, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.  
Solicitors for the said China Steamship Company of Canton and Hongkong, Limited. [1893]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
FOR SWATOW.  
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"  
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 9th inst., at Noon.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFMAIR & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 9th July, 1902. [1892]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"TIROL,"  
Captain Brudell, will leave for the above place on TUESDAY, the 15th inst., at Noon.  
This Steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers. Electric Light and carries a Doctor.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SANDER, WHEELER & CO.,  
Princes' Building.  
Hongkong, 9th July, 1902. [1893]

FOR CHEROO AND NEWCHWANG.

THE Steamship  
"HERMANN MENZEL,"  
Captain Schmitt, will be despatched for above on WEDNESDAY, the 16th inst., at 4 p.m.  
For Freight, apply to  
EAST ASIATIC TRADING CO., LD.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 8th July, 1902. [1890]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.  
(Rob. M. Sloan & Co., Hamburg.)  
FOR NEW YORK.

THE full-powered Steamship  
"VERONA,"  
Captain Spiesen, will be despatched for the above port on FRIDAY, the 25th inst.  
For Freight, apply to  
CARLOWITZ & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 9th July, 1902. [1888]

## NOTICE.

M. R. J. GERRARD is leaving the Colony on the 12th inst., and all OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS must be sent in before that date.  
Hongkong, 7th July, 1902. [1874]

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,  
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) AND TO-MORROW (THURSDAY),  
the 9th and 10th July, 1902, at 10 A.M., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,  
SUNDREY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING OBSELETE AND CONDEMNED STORES,  
Comprising—  
Four LATHES, One DRILLING and One SLOTTING MACHINE, OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF BAGS, CANVAS, CLOTHING IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c.  
The Naval Stores will be sold on Wednesday, the 9th July, and the Victualling Stores on Thursday, the 10th July.  
Terms of Sale.—As Customary.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Government Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 4th July, 1902. [1850]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,  
on FRIDAY,  
the 11th July, 1902, at Noon, at Yamati.  
In the Supreme Court of Hongkong (Admiralty Jurisdiction) Actions Nos. 4 and 5 of 1902.—The Owners of the S.S. "KATE" against the SAN HOF CHEUNG'S JUNK with her appurtenances, as also with the "Yamati," with a commission of Sale issued in the above Actions on the 1st day of July last.  
A Steam Launch will leave Blake Pier to convey intending Purchasers.  
Terms.—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Government Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 4th July, 1902. [1853]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,  
on SATURDAY,  
the 12th July, 1902, at 11 A.M., in HONGKONG ROAD, YAMATI,  
THE WHOLE OF THE MACHINERY, GEAR, &c., of the YUEN HING CHONG, Engineering Establishment.  
Terms.—Cash on delivery.  
Now on View.  
GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 7th July, 1902. [1870]

## PUBLIC COMPANY

IN Accordance with Articles Nos. 29 and 27 of the Articles of Association of the Company, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Shares will be liable to be FORFEITED, unless the Call due on the 15th day of November, 1901, be paid, together with INTEREST at 10 per cent per Annum, at the Office of the Company, No. 13, Beaconfield Arcade, on or before the 25th day of July, 1902.

The following are the distinguishing Numbers of the Ordinary Shares—

741/765	1271/1370	2559/2563
3124/3125	4233/4234	5381/5480
6552/6551	8744/8843	9299/9318
9499/9518	9919/10018	11704/11723
12373/12387	12444/12493	12867/12896
12937/12970	14033/14013	15263/15292
15678/15700	15805/15854	17391/17418
18064/18123	19134/19183	19184/19223
19234/19263	21400/21415	21416/21419
21433/21447	21976/21999	22100/22131
22324/22421	22897/22946	22947/22971
22972/22981	22992/23010	23030/23060
23097/24086	24097/24198	24197/24246
24297/24396	24797/24898	24897/24898
25014/25143	25444/25493	25519/25543
25644/25668	25669/25693	25694/25698
25699/25923	25924/25948	25949/25973
25974/25978	25979/25983	25984/25988
25989/25993	25994/25998	25999/26003
26004/26008	26009/26013	26014/26018
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26304/26308	26309/26313	26314/26318
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Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. [1829]

**NORTH-BRITISH AND MERCANTILE**  
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TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1901,  
£1,722,693.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £3,000,000 0 0  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, 2,750,000 0 0  
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 887,500 0 0  
II. FUND FUNDS, 2,695,518 5 2

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**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,**  
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Hongkong, 1st July, 1902. [179]

**"L'URBAINE"**  
**FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LD.**  
(Established 1838.)

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Hongkong, 7th February, 1901. [473]

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**CHAPTER XXV.**

Every day after the issue of the circular the  
wire which connected the Storage Works with  
Winnipeg was kept hot with the news of what  
was going on in the far-away civilised world,  
but for some time all that was heard in that  
land of unsettling news only amounted to this:  
"Everywhere the Press of Europe had received  
the announcement of the Trust with in-  
credulous derision. It had in fact provided  
professional humorists and caricaturists with  
quite a new field of industry.

The Governments, as had been expected, took  
not the slightest notice of it, and General  
Duros and the French President, who alone  
knew what a terrible meaning lay in the plain  
business-like language of the circular, awaited  
more and more anxiously as the days went by, the  
execution of the plan of the World-Masters.  
The sinking of the *Vladivostok* and the dis-  
appearance of the *Nadi* had convinced the  
Minister for War and also the Russian  
Government that the plot to capture the  
controllers of the Storage Trust had failed, but  
they could do nothing without admitting that  
they knew and believed in the power of the  
Trust to do as it threatened. Moreover they  
could not submit to the terms unless all the  
other Powers did, and they had not even  
deigned to notice the existence of the Trust.  
Meanwhile the preparations for war went on,  
and on the day before the expiration of the  
time given by the general ultimatum to France  
the French troops crossed the border at Verdun,  
Nancy and Mulhouse, and the Northern  
Squadron, strongly reinforced, blockaded the  
mouth of the Elbe and the Kiel Canal. The  
Russian Baltic Squadron, which had been going  
through its summer maneuvers, blocked the  
entrance from the inland coast and threatened the  
Northern coast of Germany, while the Russian  
army was concentrating in enormous numbers  
at several points along the Polish frontier.

When Austria Vaudet took the dispatch con-  
taining this last news into the department at  
the Works, which was commonly called the  
Board-room, the president passed it to Lord  
Orrel and Haddres, who were having a smoke  
and afternoon chat with him, and said:  
"Well, I reckon you haven't had the politeness  
to answer that communication of mine. I reckon  
it's about time we showed them that we mean  
it, too. They'll be fighting by this time."

"I suppose so," replied Lord Orrel, "and of  
course it's no use waiting any longer under the  
circumstances."  
"Not a bit," added Haddres; "in fact, as  
you know, my idea was to start a fortnight  
ago. If we'd done that they might have  
found it a bit difficult to start." "But after  
all," said Lord Orrel, "a fortnight matters  
nothing to us and the object lesson will be very  
much more striking if we allow hostilities to get  
into full swing and then bring them to a sudden  
halt. We'll begin at once, and I propose, President,  
that when everything is ready your daughter  
shall do us the honour of starting the engines."

"And if that wants any seconding," added  
Haddres, "I'll do it."  
"I reckon that," said the president, "is about  
the moment of Christy's life," he thought the  
president. "And seeing that our guests have  
just given reason to take an interest in the  
engines, perhaps it would only be polite to  
ask them to come and assist at the ceremony."

"Oh, certainly," said Lord Orrel. "There  
can't be any objection to that. Shallo, suppose  
you go and invite them; and it wouldn't be  
a bad idea if we had a little dinner  
together afterwards, just to celebrate the  
occasion. You might as well start," said  
Haddres, and request the honour of her services."

As Haddres left the room the president said  
to his nephew: "Austin, you can go and wire to  
our people here and over in England that the  
experiment begins to-night. Ask them to let  
us have all the news they can send, and especially  
to let us know whether any electric disturbances  
take place in our territories; and you might ask  
Doctor Lamson to come over for a few minutes."

From this a conversation it will be seen that  
the president, his nephew, and the president's  
daughter, without any further delay, started  
the engines, and the Northern Waters had been  
singularly clear of ice, and the had been able to  
steer the whole way to Port Adelaide without  
difficulty. Doctor Lamson had received them in  
the midst of his marvellous creation as quietly  
as though he had been receiving them in his  
own house at Hampstead. "They had all admi-  
red and wondered at the marvellous magnificence  
of the machine on the face of the globe. But those  
who are permitted to see them have marvelled  
still more at the huge engines and the maze of  
intricately complicated apparatus which the  
magic of money and science had called into  
being in the midst of this desolate wilderness.  
So far the involuntary guests of the Trust  
had not been permitted to see anything more  
than the outside of the engine-rooms and the  
apartments which they occupied. They had  
been politely but vaguely given to under-  
stand that after what had happened it  
would be necessary to consider them, as pri-  
vates. They would be treated with every  
consideration, in fact, as guests. But at the  
same time they would be closely watched, and  
any attempt to communicate with any officer or  
workman employed on the Works would be  
immediately punished by close confinement for  
all of them. For their part they had accepted  
the strange situation with perfect philosophy  
and awaited the coming of the expedition with  
a good deal more confidence than they would  
have felt had they known the terrible nature of  
the defence with which Doctor Lamson had  
armed this fortress in the wilderness.

Within an hour after the president had  
pronounced the fiat which was to alter the  
history of the world, everything was in readiness  
for the making of the great Experiment, and,  
for the first time since their arrival in Boothia,  
Count Valdemar, Sophie, and the Marquis were  
admitted into the great engine-rooms which  
stood in the middle of each side of the  
quadrangle. They stared in frank astonish-  
ment at the colossal machinery, and the Count  
said to the president as they entered No. 1 or  
the Northern engine-room:

"Our wine may not be the same, but I am  
compelled to confess that you have wrought a  
most marvellous miracle in the midst of this  
ghastly desert."

"It's pretty good," he replied, "but after all  
it's just the sort of miracle that dollars and  
brains can work all the time. This is not the  
miracle, this is only what is going to work it.  
The real miracle will be what our friends in  
Europe see and feel. Well, now, Doctor, are  
we ready?"

"Quite," replied Lamson. "Lady Olive, you  
will send the signal to the other rooms. A signal  
is stationed in each of them, and if you touch

that button when Miss Vaudet pulls the lever  
you will start the other three engines."

Miss Christy, looking just a trifle pale and  
nervous, took hold of the lever and stood ready  
to perform the woman. It had been decided to  
start the engines precisely at six, and the  
minute hand of the engine-room clock was  
getting very near the perpendicular.

"It seems a pretty awful thing to do, you  
know, poppa," she said, "just to pull this thing  
and set half the world dying."  
"No, I think you are wrong there, Christy,"  
said Haddres, who was standing beside her,  
and Adelaide, looking gritted together as she  
heard the name for the first time from his lips.  
"When you pull that lever you will save life,  
not destroy it. Without us the world might go  
on for months or years and cost millions of  
lives; but ten days after you have pulled that  
lever the European war will be impossible."

"Then," said Miss Christy, tightening her  
grip on the handle, "I guess I'll pull!" At  
this moment the clock struck the first note of six,  
and at the third she drew the lever towards her.  
The starting engine gave a few short puffs  
and panted. Lady Olive touched the button,  
and the bells tinkled in the other engine-rooms.  
The huge cranks of the steel giants began to  
revolve. The mighty cylinders gasped and  
hissed and the huge fly-wheels began to move,  
at first almost imperceptibly, and then faster  
till each was a whirling circle of bright steel.

The hiss of the steam ceased, and the four giants  
settled down to their momentous work in silence,  
save for a low purring hum, which was not to  
cease day or night until armed Europe had  
acknowledged their all-compelling power.  
"It is very wonderful, but very weird," said  
Adelaide to Christy as they left the room, "if  
only it is all true. To think that you by just  
bending your arm should set those mighty  
monsters to work—and each work to start  
the soul out of the world, to paralyse armies  
and fleets, perhaps to make governments im-  
possible—perhaps to reduce civilisation to  
chaos!"

"I reckon those engines will cause less chaos  
than your friends in Europe, Marquis," she  
replied shortly, but not unkindly, "but anyhow  
they should have taken poppa's terms; and if  
they will fight they must pay for the luxury.  
Anyhow, we'd better not talk about that, it's no  
use getting unfriendly over subjects we can't  
agree upon. What do you say, Countess?"

"I entirely agree with you," said Sophie,  
frankly. "You know, Adelaide, that for the  
sake of war we are being treated exceedingly  
well. And for the present at least, until our  
hosts are able to determine their invitation, I  
think we might be as nearly friends as we can  
be."

"That's so," said Miss Christy, heartily, yet  
well knowing that they were both awaiting  
the moment when, as they believed, the arrival  
of the Expedition would make the present  
owners of the Works prisoners of Europe and  
Russia, and that either of them would poison  
her or put a bullet through her without the  
slightest hesitation. "Yes, that's so. We've  
got to live here together for a bit, and I reckon  
we may as well do so as pleasantly as possible.  
And now suppose we go to dinner."

All things considered the dinner was really a  
most agreeable function. The principal topic  
of conversation was, of course, the effect which  
the starting of the Works would produce on the  
North-Western Hemisphere in general, and the  
fleet and armies of Europe in particular.  
International politics, too, were discussed, not  
only with freedom but with a knowledge which  
would have astonished many a European minis-  
ter; but one subject was tabooed by mutual  
consent, and that was the French and Russian  
Polar Expeditions which, if they were really  
making for Boothia Land, ought to arrive in  
about a week.

The three involuntary guests knew perfectly  
well that their hosts were expecting them.  
Their hosts knew that they knew this, and  
therefore, as a matter of politeness and mutual  
convenience, the words "Polar expedition" were  
absolutely banished from their conversation.  
Meanwhile Port Adelaide had been fast empty-  
ing for the time during which the collectors  
and cargo-boats could get back was limited.  
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patrolled the coast for twenty miles in  
each direction on the look-out for the Experi-  
ment. Around and inside the works life went  
on as quietly as though nothing out of the  
common was happening. The unsettling sun  
and clouds and the southern horizon, and the  
great engines purred meaningfully, working  
at the brain of the man whose marvellous body  
lay in a nameless grave on an alien soil.

They had been working for six days when  
Europe awoke to an uneasy suspicion that after  
all there must have been something in that  
preposterous circular which the "Electrical  
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